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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-14 and 16-38 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-14 and 16-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 September 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 12/26/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. With regard to Applicant's argument that Meyer et al. associate an "identifier" in the form of a code number with an image or network accessible location and the identifier is not associated with an image bearing product and includes no information regarding desired products, Examiner respectfully traverses. Attention is drawn to Meyer et al. (par. 21 and par. 31), "the receipt may provide a list of images and a code number for each of the listed images" and "the processor 300 can command the printer 306 to print thumbnails of paid-for images on the receipt. Printing the thumbnails and **associated storage codes** helps the customer identify the images that were stored at the remote site and allows the customer (and others) to quickly and easily download the images from the remote site". Applicant's Specification at p. 1, defines "image bearing product" as the following: "The image product **formed/produced** by the kiosk (e.g., the image bearing product) for the user could be in the form of a print or enlargement". The "identifier" (code) is associated with the image bearing product (image). Since a code number exists for each image, a customer can use that code for the products they wish to print. Also, Meyer et al. (par. 34) disclose, "the transaction machine might be a personal computer having a card reader, access to the Internet and access to a printer". In summary, Meyer et al. teach the following: a code is generated for each image and that code allows a customer to choose the desired image based upon the associated code. That code is used to obtain the desired image/s from a remote site. The customer is provided with the thumbnails of the images and their associated codes and the customer can generate the desired image/s using the applicable

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code/s. Therefore, the combination of Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. establishes a *prima facie* case of obviousness. Since Applicant maintains that Redd et al. and Liebenow do not cure the deficiencies of Vallmajo et al. and Meyer et al. based upon a *prima facie* case not being established, the same arguments provided by Examiner for Vallmajo et al. and Meyer et al. also apply to the remaining claims. In conclusion, the combination of Vallmajo et al., Meyer et al., Redd et al. and Liebenow disclose the claimed invention. See rejections below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 and 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vallmajo et al. in view of (6,791,723) Meyer et al. (US 2002/0116278).

Regarding claim 1: Vallmajo et al. disclose providing a plurality of network connected kiosks (photo kiosk operating within a computer network, col. 4, ln. 52-57 and col. 27, ln. 14-23) having image input (Fig. 1A, scanner bed 16) and product output capability (Fig. 1A and 1B, printer device 20); inputting at least one image (Fig. 1A, picture 14) at one of the plurality of network connected kiosks (Fig. 1A and 1B, photo kiosk 10); selecting one or more image bearing product for at least one image (col. 4, ln. 46-51); storing the at least one image at a network accessible location (col. 27, ln. 14-31 and Fig. 4, communications device 450 and memory 420); to generate the selected one or more image bearing product (Fig. 1A and 1B, printer device 20 and col. 4, ln. 46-51) having the at least one image at any one of the plurality of

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networked connected kiosks (Fig. 1A and 1B, photo kiosk 20, photo kiosk operating within a computer network, col. 4, ln. 52-57).

Vallmajo et al. fail to specifically address generating an identifier and providing the recipient with the identifier.

Meyer et al. disclose generating an identifier for the one or more image bearing product (image, par. 21 and par. 31); providing a recipient with the identifier (code number, par. 21 and par. 31); using the identifier (using code number to access stored images from the remote site, par. 21 and par. 31).

It would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include an identifier for image retrieval in order to preserve the images as suggested by Meyer et al. (par. 7) and provide a more secure means of accessing images as suggested by Meyer et al. (par. 21 and par. 31).

Regarding claim 10: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 1.

Vallmajo et al. further disclose wherein the one of the plurality of network connected kiosks comprises a networked home computer (Fig. 1A and 1B, photo kiosk 20, photo kiosk operating within a computer network, col. 4, ln. 52-57).

Regarding claim 11: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 1.

Vallmajo et al. further disclose at any one of the plurality of network connected kiosks (Fig. 1A and 1B, photo kiosk 20, photo kiosk operating within a computer network, col. 4, ln. 52-57).

Vallmajo et al. fail to specifically address image retrieval.

Meyer et al. disclose wherein the image is retrieved (using code number to access stored images from the remote site, par. 21 and par. 31).

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Regarding claim 12: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 1.

Vallmajo et al. further disclose storing at a network accessible location (col. 27, ln. 14-31 and Fig. 4, communications device 450 and memory 420).

Vallmajo et al. fail to specifically address an identifier.

Meyer et al. disclose identified by the identifier (via a code number, par. 21 and par. 31).

Regarding claim 13: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 1.

Vallmajo et al. fail to specifically address retrieving the image from a network accessible location.

Meyer et al. disclose wherein the image is retrieved from the network accessible location identified by the identifier (code number, par. 21 and par. 31).

Regarding claim 14: Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejection of claim 1 are applicable. In addition, Vallmajo et al. further disclose the recipient inputting at least one image (Fig. 1A, picture 14) at any one of network connected kiosks (Fig. 1A and 1B, photo kiosk 10);

Vallmajo et al. fail to specifically address associating the image bearing product with the identifier.

Meyer et al. disclose associating the image bearing product with the identifier (thumbnail and code, par. 21 and par. 31); using the identifier (using code number to access stored images from the remote site, par. 21 and par. 31).

4. Claims 3-7, 9, 16-20, and 22-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. (6,646,754).

Regarding claim 3: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 1.

Vallmajo et al. further disclose providing a printer (Fig. 1A and 1B, printer device 20); at one of

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the plurality of networked connected kiosks (Fig. 1A and 1B, photo kiosk 20, photo kiosk operating within a computer network, col. 4, ln. 52-57).

Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. fail to specifically address inputting name and address of recipient and printing and sending a postcard.

Redd et al. disclose inputting a name and address of the recipient (Figure 7, address field 906 and col. 10, ln.56-60 and col. 13, ln. 33); printing a postcard with the printer comprising the name and address of the recipient and the identifier (destination identifier print 900, Figure 7); and sending the postcard to the recipient (destination identifier print 900, Figure 7). In addition, Redd et al. suggests postcards that can be distributed (col. 32, ln. 33-40).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the suggestion of Redd et al. to allow the user to input the name and address of the recipient and to print and send a postcard in order to provide more efficient tracking.

Regarding claim 4: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 3. Meyer et al. further disclose wherein the printer is network connected (network communications interface 304 may be located with the printer 306 in a single housing 316, par. 29).

Regarding claim 5: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 3.

Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. fail to specifically address reading the identifier from the postcard.

Redd et al. disclose the step of reading the identifier from the postcard (barcode reader 626, and col. 21, ln. 61-65).

Regarding claim 6: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 1.

Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. fail to specifically address sending a postcard.

Redd et al. disclose wherein the step of providing a recipient with the identifier comprises sending a postcard (destination identifier print 900, Figure 7). In addition, Redd et al. suggests postcards that can be distributed (col. 32, ln. 33-40).

Regarding claim 7: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 1.

Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. fail to specifically address sending an email.

Redd et al. disclose wherein the step of providing a recipient with the identifier comprises sending an e-mail (the network is inherently capable of electronic mail and the person who placed the order can provide as the recipient's address an e-mail address, and suggestion of use of email col. 12, ln. 35-38).

Regarding claim 9: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 1.

Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. fail to specifically address sending a thank you message.

Redd et al. disclose the step of sending a thank you message (Figure 8, user specified message 934, col. 18, ln. 7-10).

Regarding claim 16: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 14.

Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejection of claim 3 are applicable.

Regarding claim 17: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 16. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejection of claim 4 are applicable.

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Regarding claim 18: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 16. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejection of claim 5 are applicable.

Regarding claim 19: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 14. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejection of claim 6 are applicable.

Regarding claim 20: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 14. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejection of claim 7 are applicable.

Regarding claim 22: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 14. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejection of claim 9 are applicable.

Regarding claim 23: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 14. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejection of claim 11 are applicable.

Regarding claim 24: Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 14. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejection of claim 13 are applicable.

Regarding claim 25: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 14. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejection of claim 12 are applicable.

Regarding claim 26: Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejections of claims 1, 14, 15, and 16 are applicable. In addition, Redd et al. suggests postcards that can be distributed (col. 32, ln. 33-40).

Regarding claim 27: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 26. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejections of claims 4 and 17 are applicable.

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Regarding claim 28: Meyer et al. in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 26.

Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejections of claims 9 and 22 are applicable.

Regarding claim 29: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 26. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejection of claim 10 are applicable.

Regarding claim 30: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 26. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejections of claims 11 and 15 are applicable.

Regarding claim 31: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 26. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejections of claims 13 and 24 are applicable.

Regarding claim 32: Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejections of claims 14 and 16 are applicable. A “first” and “second” “recipient and postcard” are addressed by the applicant in claim 32. Redd et al. disclose the capability of multiple recipients (col. 11, ln. 18-37). Redd et al. further disclose printing a second postcard with the printer comprising a name and address of a second recipient and the identifier (Figure 7 and col. 17, ln. 12-39); sending the second postcard to the second recipient (Figure 7 destination identifier print 900); the second recipient using the identifier (Figure 8 unique identification number 922 and col. 17, ln. 65-67 through col. 18, ln. 1-7).

Regarding claim 33: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 32. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejections of claims 4, 17, and 27 are applicable.

Regarding claim 34: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 32. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejections of claims 9, 22, and 28 are applicable.

Regarding claim 35: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 32. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejections of claims 9, 22, 28, and 34 are applicable.

Regarding claim 36: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 32. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejections of claims 11, 15, and 30 are applicable.

Regarding claim 37: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 32. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejections of claims 12 and 25 are applicable.

Regarding claim 38: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Redd et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 37. Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejections of claims 13, 24, and 31 are applicable.

5. Claims 8 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. and further in view of Liebenow (US 2002/0085840 A1).

Regarding claim 8: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 1.

Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. fail to specifically address sending a telephonic message.

Liebenow discloses sending a telephonic message (pre-recorded message, p. 4, par. 31). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to

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include sending a telephonic message to a recipient as taught by Liebenow to communicate an identifier for the images so that the customer does not have to wait an extended period of time to view the prints.

Regarding claim 21: Vallmajo et al. in view of Meyer et al. satisfy all the elements of claim 14.

Arguments analogous to those stated in the rejection of claim 8 are applicable.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charlotte M. Baker whose telephone number is 571-272-7459. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K. Moore can be reached on 571-272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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